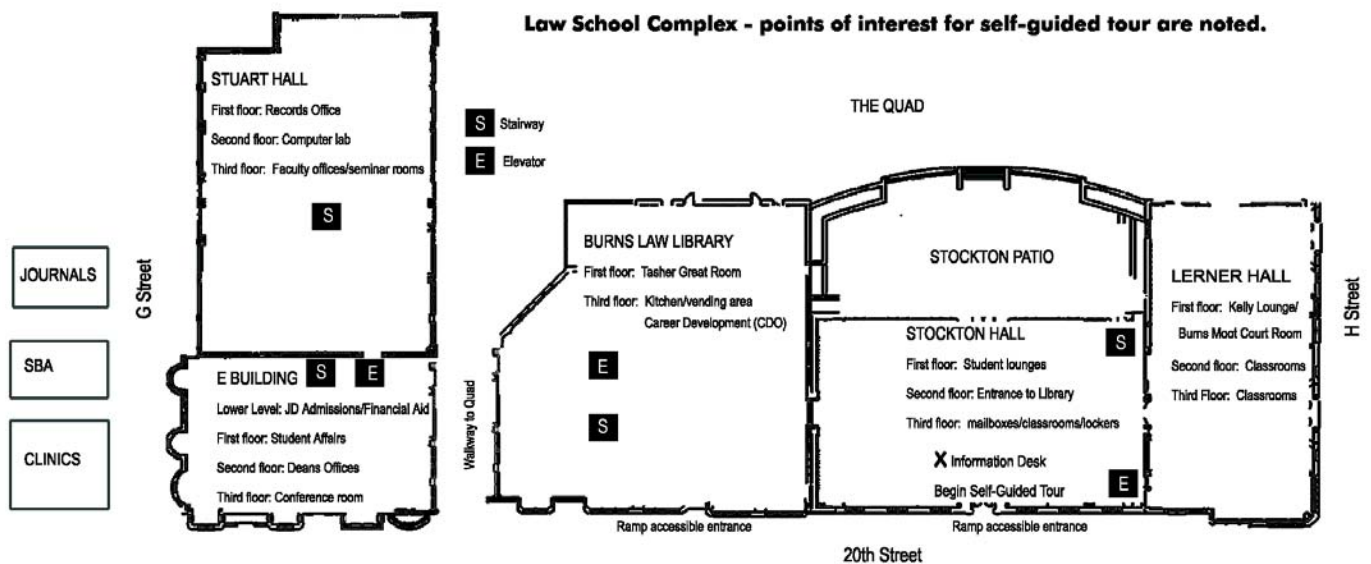


Self-guided Tour

Welcome to **The George Washington University Law School**. After undergoing extensive renovations over the past three years, the Law School now offers state-of-the-art facilities that are among the finest and most technologically advanced in the nation. The main Law School complex is a group of five interconnected buildings that spans the entire block of 20th Street between G and H Streets. From north to south these buildings are **Lerner Hall**, **Stockton Hall**, **Jacob Burns Law Library**, **E Building**, and **Stuart Hall**. This tour begins at the **Information Desk**, located on the first floor of Stockton Hall. (Please allow at least 30 minutes for the tour.)



✳ **Begin the Tour:** Facing the **Information Desk**, walk a few steps to your right. On either side of you, you will see lounges full of couches and low tables. Turn around, and continue past the Information Desk in the opposite direction. Here, you will see more lounges with lunchroom style tables and chairs, as well as kitchen facilities (in the far corners of these lounges) with refrigerators, microwaves, sinks, and vending machines. As you can see, the entire ground floor of the main Law School complex consists of student lounge space. Students use this space, known as the **Student Commons**, to relax between classes, study, and meet friends for lunch.

A bit further down the hall, you will reach the main entrance of the Law School, located in Lerner Hall. This area, called the **Kelly Lounge**, serves as the major reception area and a central meeting place for students to get together, study, and relax. Check out the plasma screen on the left for streaming news, events, weather, announcements, and other information.

The **Jacob Burns Moot Court Room** is located directly across from the Kelly Lounge. Launched in partnership with the National Center for State Courts in 2002, this moot courtroom has been designed with cutting-edge technology—including computer terminals, video monitors and projectors, and voice-activated transcription recorders—to enhance courtroom practice. In fact, the NCSC uses the Jacob Burns Moot Court Room as a classroom to teach judges and lawyers from around the world how to use such high-tech equipment in their own courtrooms. In addition to hosting moot and trial court competitions, this room often houses speakers and small lecture series. Students may join the Moot Court, Mock Trial, or Alternative Dispute Resolution Boards by competing in one of the Board's competitions at various times during the first or second year of law school. Please feel free to look through the windows and, if the room is empty, to step inside.

Back in the hallway, please take the stairs next to the chalkboard (on your right) or elevator (on your left) up one floor. Between the stairs and elevator is the Alverson Reading Room, located on the second floor of the **Jacob Burns Law Library**. Because you are not escorted, you will not be able to go into the library, but you can certainly peek inside. The library has study areas, computer labs, a printing center, ethernet connections (you can check out laptops, locks, and ethernet cables), helpful research assistants and librarians, and, of course, hundreds of thousands of books.

Across from the library are two of the **larger classrooms** in the Law School (L201 and L202). Each of these newly renovated classrooms features desks with multiple outlets for laptops and tilting, swiveling desk chairs with adjustable back heights. The rooms are also equipped with “smart podia” which, among other things, allow professors to show videos, display powerpoint presentations, and digitally record classes for absent students to view online. If the classrooms are empty, please feel free to step inside.

Please turn around, and take the stairs or elevator up to the third floor.

The two **classrooms** to your left (to your right if you took the elevator), L301 and L302, are similar to ones you might be in during your first year of law school. Typically the first-year class is divided into four day sections and one evening section. Each section consists of 90-110 students who take their core classes (constitutional law, torts, contracts, criminal law, civil procedure, and property) together.

In the fall semester, all first-year students take one of their core classes in a small section of about 36 students. This fall, the first-year students are taking civil procedure in this small section format. In addition, all first-years take a year-long course in a small section of about 10-12 students, which focuses on legal research and writing in the fall semester and oral advocacy in the spring. Adjunct professors, who are judges and attorneys from the Washington area, teach these Legal Research and Writing sections in conjunction with third-year law students. These first-year small sections not only allow for greater student–teacher interaction, but also provide an excellent opportunity for students to get to know some of their classmates better.

Please turn around, and proceed down the hall. To your left are the **student mailboxes**. All students have mailboxes where they receive official notices as well as notes from friends. Students and Law School organizations use the large bulletin boards surrounding the mailboxes to post announcements regarding upcoming events and programs.

Please continue down the hall. Along the hall, you will find **smaller classrooms** where upper-level seminars and first-year Legal Research and Writing classes are held. Each of the classrooms on the third floor hallway holds between 12 and 50 students, and is equipped with the same “smart podium” technology as the larger rooms. Please feel free to look inside any empty classrooms. Along this hallway, you will also see many **student lockers**. Law students use these lockers so that they don’t have to carry their heavy casebooks around between classes.

Down a short set of stairs,^{*} you will see a **small kitchen** on your right with vending machines, a refrigerator, and microwaves. Here, you will likely see students having a snack between classes.

Just past the small kitchen on the right is the **Career Development Office**. The CDO offers a wide variety of services to students and alumni of the Law School including individual counseling, legal career programs and panels, public interest initiatives, interviewing programs, a career resource library, and an extensive alumni network.

Please exit the CDO, and walk to the end of the hallway. On your right behind the smoked glass doors is one of the newly built **conference rooms** (E312). These rooms are used for upper-level seminars and first-year Legal Research and Writing sections, as well as meetings like Dean Young’s regular breakfasts with student groups. Again, please feel free to step inside if the room is not in use.

* If you do not wish or are unable to take the stairs, please retrace your steps past the mailboxes to the elevator, and go down to the first floor. From the elevator take a left, and exit Stockton Hall through the glass door to your left (behind the Information Desk). Take the ramp to 20th Street, and proceed to your right to Burns Hall – next door to Stockton. Please enter Burns by the ramp, and take the elevator to your left to the third floor. You will exit the elevator on the other side of the short set of stairs, where you can resume the tour.

Take a right past the elevators. You are now in **Stuart Hall**, the newest building in the Law School complex. Here is one of the new **faculty office areas**. Feel free to wander down the hall—if you introduce yourself to some professors, they may invite you into their offices for a closer look. Two of the hallmarks of the strong sense of community at GW are the availability of our professors and the personal interest they take in their students. At the end of the hall you will also see two new **seminar rooms**, STU302 and STU303.

Please retrace your steps down the hallway, and take the stairs to your right across from the large bulletin board (or elevator further down the hall to your right) down one floor. Facing away from the stairs, you will see more faculty offices in the hallway to your right. The hallway to the left (past the Graduate Programs Office) contains some new classrooms and a new **computer lab**, STU203. The computer lab is open seven days a week and provides a quiet place for students to work on papers, check email, etc. The computer lab also offers wireless Internet access, as well as plenty of outlets so that students can work on their laptops

Once again, please take the same stairs or elevator down one floor. From the stairs, make your first two rights (from the elevator, make your first left). Here, you will find the **Records Office**. This office serves as the registrar's office of the Law School, handling course registration and preparing bar exam forms. Directly across the hall is a large room with wooden shelves. Students come here to pick up course readings, notices, and other handouts that professors have prepared.

Proceed down the hall away from the lobby, and pass through the glass door just to the right of the elevator. You are now in **E Building**, an historic Foggy Bottom townhouse at 700 20th Street. This floor houses the **Office of Student Affairs**. This office assists students with a wide range of issues, including academic counseling, orientation, and disability/special needs accommodations. The **Deans Office** is up the internal stairs one flight, and the **Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid** are down the internal stairs one flight. (You can also get to either of these offices by the elevator back in the hallway.)

Exit 700 20th Street through the main entrance to your left.* Please proceed to your right to the corner of 20th and G Streets. From the street corner you can see the Law School's **Clinics, Student Bar Association (SBA), and Journal townhouses** (located at 2000, 2002, and 2008 G Street, respectively). A number of second- and third-year students take advantage of the Law School's legal clinics as a means to get out of the classroom, gain some practical experience, pick up some credits, and do good, all at the same time. All classes elect officers and representatives to the SBA (student government), who represent the student body by overseeing the funding of student organizations, sponsoring social, professional, and public service activities, and participating on faculty–student committees that address issues including faculty tenure and appointments, student recruitment, and curriculum development. First-year day students and second-year evening students compete for the academic honor of joining one of the four Law School journals (*The George Washington Law Review*, *The George Washington International Law Review*, *The American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal*, and *The Public Contract Law Journal*) during their spring semester. Before you head back inside, be sure to take a look down G Street. You can see the Old Executive Office building next to the White House, as well as the IMF and World Bank buildings to the left on G Street.

Please turn around, and proceed past 700 20th Street. Take your first left under the covered brick walkway. On your right you can see into the quiet reading room (known as the **Great Room**) of the Jacob Burns Law Library. This view inside gives you a good sense of the library's interior.

You are now on the University Yard, fondly known throughout the Law School as **The Quad**. The Quad is the central open space of GW's urban campus. If you are here on a sunny day, you are likely to see students eating outside, tossing footballs, and reading on the grass.

Because the Law School is centrally located on the GW campus, law students can easily take advantage of the many

* If you do not wish or are unable to take the stairs, please exit 700 20th Street the same way you entered. Take the elevator immediately to your left to the third floor. Proceed past Conference Room E312 to the Burns elevator just outside the Career Development Office. Take the Burns elevator to the first floor, and exit Burns through the door to your right. Take the ramp down to 20th Street, where you can resume the tour.

University services and amenities. For example, the red brick building on the corner of 21st and H Streets (directly across from The Quad) is the University's **Media and Public Affairs Building**. CNN films "Crossfire" in this building Monday through Friday, and encourages students to participate in the show's political and social debate. The large gray building on the far corner of 21st and H Streets is the **Marvin Center**, the GW student center. Here, law students can conveniently get lunch, buy their books, go grocery shopping, purchase concert tickets, and grab a Starbucks latte before early morning class. The University's Office of Disability Support Services is on the second floor of the Marvin Center.

Although you can't see them from The Quad, **Gelman Library** (2130 H Street) and the **Lerner Health and Wellness Center** (2301 G Street) are also located within a few blocks of the Law School. Gelman is the main University Library, where students can catch up on their non-legal reading. The Lerner Center is the main University athletic facility, where students can take a study break by lifting weights, taking a yoga class, playing squash, or going for a swim.

On the right side of The Quad is the **Stockton Patio** where, if the weather is nice, you will find a crowd of law students milling about between classes. Feel free to talk to them; they are typically quite friendly and happy to answer any questions you might have, as long as they are not preparing for class or an exam. The Information Desk (where you started this tour) is located just through the white door in the center of the patio. (You can also return to the Information Desk by taking the ramp located on 20th Street into Stockton Hall.) Please feel free to ask the students staffing the desk any remaining questions you may have.

We are pleased that you are interested in becoming a part of the GW community. If you would like more information about GW Law, please visit our website at www.law.gwu.edu or contact one of the offices or organizations listed below. We hope you enjoyed your visit!

Contact Numbers and Websites

Law School Administrative Offices

Office of Admissions: 202-994-7230; www.law.gwu.edu/apply
Office of Financial Aid: 202-994-6592; www.law.gwu.edu/finaid
Career Development Office: 202-994-7340; www.law.gwu.edu/cdo
Office of Student Affairs: 202-994-8320; www.law.gwu.edu/sa
Law Alumni Office: 202-994-7166; www.law.gwu.edu/alumni

Law Student Co-Curricular Activities

Student Organizations & Skills Boards: www.law.gwu.edu/students/student_orgs.asp
Student Journals and Publications: www.law.gwu.edu/students/student_pubs.asp

University Resources

Housing Services: www.law.gwu.edu/apply/housing.asp
Lerner Health and Wellness Center: 202-994-1522; gwired.gwu.edu/gwellness
Student Health Services: 202-741-2650; gwired.gwu.edu/shs
Disability Support Services: 202-994-8250; gwired.gwu.edu/dss